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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

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December 24, 2003

TO: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman  
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FROM: Pastor Herrera, Jr.  
Director 

SUBJECT: **Cable Franchise Special Counsel Response  
Motion by Supervisor Antonovich, November 12, 2003  
Agenda No. 56-A**

In the motion by Supervisor Antonovich on November 12, 2003 regarding Agenda No. 56-A, the Director of Consumer Affairs was instructed to work with County Counsel to retain expert legal counsel in the area of cable franchise law as soon as possible and, to determine whether there is a need to identify additional funding to accomplish its legal objectives and to report back within 45 days.

The County Counsel's office has retained the law firm of Miller & Van Eaton, which specializes in representing government in cable television franchise granting matters, and work has commenced regarding revision of the Los Angeles County Code, Title 16, Division 4, Cable Television System Franchises.

Subsequent to the adoption of these amendments to the County Code, franchise renewal negotiations will begin. The County has thirty (30) cable franchises with five (5) cable operators expiring by the end of 2005. During the renewal negotiations between the County and cable operators, all options to maximize revenue opportunities will be examined. At this time, Consumer Affairs has identified sufficient funding to go forward with its legal objectives.

c: David E. Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer  
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